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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE GOT PURCHASE OF AEGEAN SEISMIC DATA

1. APRIL 20 HURRIYET PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE STATING THAT THE TURKISH PETROLEUM OFFICE (TPAO) AND THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY HAVE PURCHASED A SEISMIC MAP OF THE AEGEAN FROM SEISMIC EXPLORATIONS INTERNATIONAL OF HOUSTON, TEXAS. ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, THE COMPUTER-DRAWN MAP (PREPARED BY ANOTHER US FIRM, GEOPHYSICAL DATA PROCESSING, INC) IS BEING ADVERTISED FOR SALE AND HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DOLLARS 150,000 PER COPY TO THIRTEEN US OIL COMPANIES. THE ARTICLE STATES THAT A HURRIYET CORRESPONDENT TALKED WITH A SEISMIC EXPLORATIONS OFFICIAL, R. H. TAFTY, WHO SAID THE COMPANY HAD REQUESTED PERMISSION FROM THE GREEK GOVERNMENT TO CONDUCT ITS RESEARCH AND ITS SHIP, THE M/V SEISMIC EXPLORER, WAS ESCORTED BY GREEK WARSHIPS DURING ITS ACTIVITIES FROM SOUTH OF CANAKKALE TO CRETE. ACCORDING TO HURRIYET, TAFTY STATED THAT "THERE IS DEFINITELY OIL IN THE AEGEAN.

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TURKEY AND GREECE SHOULD STOP QUARRELING AND CARRY OUT
JOINT EXPLORATION. IT IS A PITY TO NEGLECT THE OIL AT
HAND WHEN THERE IS SO MUCH NEED FOR OIL IN THE WORLD."

2. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION DEPARTMENT
OR EMBASSY ATHENS COULD PROVIDE ABOUT SEISMIC EXPLORATIONS
INTERNATIONAL AND ITS ALLEGED AEGEAN ACTIVITIES.
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